

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein-contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 13 will be amended to eliminate two instances of a typographic error.

Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the present amendment, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 to claim 13 is appropriate and proper although prosecution has closed in the present application. In this regard, the present amendment does not continue prosecution of the present application. Rather, the present amendment merely eliminates an inappropriate term from claim 13. In this regard, claim 13 is being amended to change the term "angular" to "annular". This will make the terminology of claim 13 more consistent with the terminology of all the other claims pending herein( particularly with the terminology of claim 11, from which claim 13 depends) and will also render the recitations of claim 13 more fully consistent with the disclosure of the present application.

Additionally, entry of the present amendment does not involve any significant additional work on the part of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office personnel. In this regard, only the language of a single claim is involved and a copy of all the claims in the present application are submitted herewith.

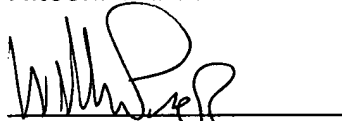
Although the status of the present application is after the close of prosecution, entry of the present amendment is believed to be appropriate and proper since it clarifies and renders more self-consistent the language of the claims and thus enhances the clarity of the patent to issue from the present application.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the entry of the above amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 since it does not require an additional search or examination, and since no new matter is contained therein.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to exercise his discretion and approve the present amendment for entry under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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